

**Architectural Inventory Form**

(Page 1 of 7)

**I. IDENTIFICATION**

1. Resource number: **5BL1178**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Longmont**
5. Historic building name: **Barney House**
6. Current building name: **Sharp House**
7. Building address: **435 Emery Street**
8. Owner name: **James W. and Margaret Sharp**  
Owner address: **1017 Sixth Avenue**  
**Longmont, CO 80501**

**II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

9. P.M. **8<sup>th</sup>** Township **2N** Range **69W**  
**SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>** of **NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>** of **SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>** of **NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>** of section **3**
10. UTM reference  
Zone **13**  
Easting: **491546**  
Northing: **4446082**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont, Colorado**  
Year: **1968** (**Photorevised 1979**) **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **South half 21** Block: **50**  
Addition: **Longmont Original Town** Year of Addition **1872**
13. Boundary Description and Justification: **This legally defined parcel encompasses but does not exceed the land historically associated with this property.**

22. Architectural style /  
building type:

**Wood-frame, Gabled-elle Dwelling**

**Official Eligibility Determination**

(OAHP use only)

- Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ Determined Eligible - National Register
- \_\_\_\_ Determined Not Eligible - National Register
- \_\_\_\_ Determined Eligible - State Register
- \_\_\_\_ Determined Not Eligible - State Register
- \_\_\_\_ Needs Data
- \_\_\_\_ Contributes to eligible National Register District
- \_\_\_\_ Noncontributing to eligible National Register District

**III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

14. Building plan (footprint, shape):  
**Irregular Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet **1226 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material  
**Wood / Horizontal Siding**
18. Roof configuration (enter one):  
**Gabled Roof / Cross Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material (enter one):  
**Asphalt Roof / Composition Roof**
20. Special features (enter all that apply):  
**Chimney**  
**Porch**  
**Window / Stained Glass**

**21. General Architectural Description**

This small house is located on the west side of Emery Street, between 431 Emery Street on the south and 437 Emery Street on the north. The building is surrounded by a planted grass yard with mature landscaping. A combination of wire and wooden rail fences entirely surround the backyard. The residence is set back approximately forty feet from the street and there is a wide grass strip separating the front sidewalk from the curb. Oriented to the east, the house rests on a coursed sandstone foundation. Painted white, horizontal wood siding and narrow, blue corner boards clad the exterior walls. Red asphalt shingles cover the moderately pitched roof, which is disturbed only by a red brick chimney near the roof ridge at the intersection of the side and front gables. The eaves are boxed and the fascia and soffit are painted blue. Windows are one-over-one, double-hung sash with blue painted wooden frames and surrounds. Aluminum storm windows protect them. A hipped-roof porch fills an area created by the north-south oriented main roof and the front-facing gable on the north end of the front façade. A knee wall clad in horizontal wooden siding surrounds the porch, which is approached by a single wooden step. Porch supports are square and with ornamented bases and capitals. Matching glass-in-wood-frame doors with colored Queen Anne lights open on the east and the south side of the front gable. Aluminum storm doors protect both entrances, and one-light transoms appear above them. A rectangular and rather unornamented bay window protrudes from the front gable end. It features narrow, one-over-one windows on the sides, a pair of similar windows on the front, and a flat roof. Another door opens on the north end of the west (rear) elevation. An addition to the southwest corner of the house appears to have been a porch, but is now enclosed. A shed roof covers it.

**22. Architectural style / building type:**

Please see front page.

**23. Landscape or setting special features:**

This dwelling is located on the west side of Emery Street, in one of Longmont's oldest core residential neighborhoods. The area is now home to a mixture of single-family residences and a few small apartment buildings.

**24. Associated buildings, features, or objects**

None

#### **IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**

25. Date of Construction:  
Estimate  
Actual **1895**

Source of information:  
**Water Ledger. City of Longmont, 1892-1899**

26. Architect:  
**unknown**

Source of information:  
**n/a**

27. Builder/ Contractor:  
**unknown**

Source of information:  
**n/a**

28. Original owner:  
**William H. and Orilla Barney**

Source of information:  
**Warranty Deed 80158299; "Water Ledger, City of Longmont, 1892-1899."**

**29. Construction History (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):**

Property and water records indicate that this house was built in 1895. While seams in the siding and foundation indicate that some changes have been made to this structure, they all match in scale and materials to the original house and certainly predate an assessor's survey in the 1940's. The only noticeable addition is a shed-roofed room on the southwest corner of the house, which appears to have been a porch.

30. Original location: **yes**  
Moved **no**  
Date of move(s) **n/a**

#### **V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS**

31. Original use(s): **Domestic / Single Dwelling**  
32. Intermediate use(s): **Domestic / Single Dwelling**  
33. Current use(s): **Domestic / Single Dwelling**  
34. Site type(s): **Residence**

### **35. Historical Background**

In 1893, William and Orilla Barney purchased this lot from Dr. Conrad Bardill, one of Longmont's first physicians. William H. Barney was born in Hillsdale, Michigan, and came to Boulder County in 1876. He settled in Valmont, east of Boulder, until 1883, when he came to Longmont. For a quarter of a century Barney was superintendent of the Longmont water department and following this, was water commissioner for the Longmont district. Orilla Barney was born in Lawrence, Michigan, on May 20, 1859. She married William on November 4, 1885. Both were members of Central Presbyterian Church. Barney died in this house in 1935. Orilla died six months later. They resided at 435 Emery Street for over forty-three years.

An unmarried grade-school teacher purchased the house and operated it as a rental property until her death in 1954. Ruth Biddle was born on February 5, 1876, in Burlington, Iowa. She attended high school in Fort Morgan and received her teaching degree from the Colorado State Teachers College, now the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. She came to Longmont in 191 and taught in the Columbine and Bryant schools until her retirement in 1949.

In 1958, William Watson and Minnie Jones, Ruth Biddle's most recent renters, purchased the house in which they resided. William Jones was born in England on February 9, 1873. He and his family came to Boulder County in 1893. Minnie Williams was born in the Dakota Territory, moved to Black Hawk and settled in Longmont in 1900. She and William married in 1897. William was general superintendent of roads in Boulder County for many years. For eight years after that he was superintendent of streets for the City of Longmont. L Both were members of First United Methodist Church. William died in 1955. Sometime in the late 1960's, Minnie left her home to spend her final years with family in Boulder. She died in 1977.

From the year of Minnie Jone's death until about 1995, the structure was only intermittently inhabited. James W. Sharp purchased the house in 1981, but only began residing there with Margaret Sharp in the mid 1990's.

### **36. Sources of Information**

(Boulder County) "Real Estate Appraisal Card - Urban Master." On file at the Boulder Carnegie Library.

"Death Claims W.H. Barney." *Longmont Times-Call*, 30 December 1935, p. 1.

"Died: (Dr. Conrad) Bardill." *Longmont Ledger*, 6 January 1905.

"Minnie Jones." (obituary) *Longmont Times-Call*, 31 January 1977, p. 12.

"Orilla Barney Dies in Denver." *Longmont Times-Call*, 21 May 1936, p. 1.

*Polk's Boulder County Directory* [generally published annually], Denver, Kansas City, and Salt Lake City: R.L. Polk and Company Publishers.

*Polk's Longmont City Directory*, [generally published annually], Denver, Kansas City, and Salt Lake City: R.L. Polk and Company, Publishers, 1966 - 1997.

"Retired Local Teacher Dead." *Longmont Times-Call*, 11 January 1954, p. 1.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, dated December 1890, September 1895, November 1900, April 1906, June 1911, March 1918, June 1930, and May 1956.

Warranty Deeds 80158299, 90371587, 90609968, 249810, 434707, 434708, 1561708. Boulder County Office of Clerk and Recorder, Boulder, Colorado.

"Water Ledger, City of Longmont, 1892-1899." On file at the Longmont Archives, Longmont Public Library.

---

**VI. SIGNIFICANCE**

37. Local landmark designation:

Yes

No **xx**

Date of Designation: **n/a**

38. **Applicable National Register Criteria**

**xx** A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history;

B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;

**xx** C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction;

D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield information important in history or prehistory;

Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see Manual).

Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

**City of Longmont Standards for Designation**

**xx** 2.56.040-A (1) The structure or district has character, interest or value, as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the city, state or nation.

2.56.040-A (2) The structure or district is the site of a historic event with an effect upon society.

**xx** 2.56.040-A (3) The structure or district is identified with a person or group of persons who had some influence on society.

**xx** 2.56.040-A (4) The structure or district exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social or historic heritage of the community.

2.56.040-B (1) The structure or district portrays the environment of a group of people in an era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style.

**xx** 2.56.040-B (2) The structure or district embodies those distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type specimen.

2.56.040-B (3) The structure or district is the work of an architect or master builder whose individual work has influenced the development of Longmont.

2.56.040-C (1) The structure or district, because of being part of or related to a square, park or other distinctive area, should be developed or preserved according to a plan based on a historic, cultural or architectural motif.

2.56.040-C (2) The structure or district, due to its unique location or singular physical characteristics, represents an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community or the city.

Does not meet any of the above City of Longmont Standards for Designation.

39. Area(s) of Significance:

**Architecture; Community Planning and Development; Ethnic Heritage / European**

40. Period of Significance: **1895-1951**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **XX**

**42. Statement of Significance**

This property is historically significant for its association with residential development in Longmont, beginning in the late 1800's and extending through the first half of the twentieth century. In addition, the property is significant for its association with the Barney and William W. Jones families, both of whom were pioneers in the St. Vrain Valley and contributed to the development of Longmont. The house is also architecturally significant because it is an intact home exhibiting the characteristics of Edwardian architecture. The property's combined levels of historical significance and physical integrity may well be to the extent that it would qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The property certainly may be regarded as individually eligible to be designated as a City of Longmont landmark. The property would also be a contributing resource within either a National Register or local landmark historic district.

**43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:**

This residence displays a high degree of physical integrity, relative to the seven aspects of integrity defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society: location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. There have been several small additions to the house since its construction, but all predate 1950.

---

**VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT**

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:

Eligible: **xx**

Not Eligible:

Need Data:

City of Longmont Local Landmark eligibility field assessment:

Eligible: **xx**

Not Eligible:

Need Data:

45. Is there National Register district potential?

Yes: **n/a (see below)**

No: **n/a (see below)**

Discuss: **The property is located within the East Side Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.**

If there is National Register district potential, is this building:

Contributing: **n/a**

Noncontributing: **n/a**

46. If the building is in an existing National Register district, is it:

Contributing: **xx**

Noncontributing:

**VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION**

47. Photograph numbers:

Roll: **LONG-10**

Frame(s): **6-9 (house)**

Negatives filed at: **City of Longmont  
Department of Community Development, Planning Division  
Civic Center Complex  
350 Kimbark Street  
Longmont, Colorado 80501**

48. Report title: **East Side Neighborhood: Historic Context and Survey Report**

49. Date: **June 25, 2001**

50. Recorders: **Adam Thomas**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

52. Address: **1607 Dogwood Court  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525**

53. Phone number: **970/493-5270**